This 25 per cent production will be marketed as per the marketing and pricing disciplines in force.

**Complaints on GAS Agencies Regarding Gas Connection in Sagar District**

1833. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints were received regarding manipulations being done by the gas agencies in Sagar in issuance of gas connections to consumers at district dealers;

(b) if so, what are the names of those gas agencies and

(c) what action has been taken against the guilty dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is investigating into the alleged malpractices involving their LPG distributor viz. M/s. Vineet Gas Agency at Sagar.

**Opening Medium and Small Size Oil Fields to Joint & Private Sectors**

1834 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the decision taken by Government to open out medium and small size oil fields to joint and private sectors;

(b) on what date, the bids were invited for each of the above fields; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The decision to offer 43 fields —12 medium and 31 small-sized oil and gas fields—for development was taken on 2nd July, 1992.

(b) The bids were invited through advertisements in leading newspapers on 24th August, 1992.

(c) There was no delay in implementing the decision. The time between taking the decision and inviting bids was required for putting together promotional material and getting the bidding document ready.

**Konkan Railway Project**

1835. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Konkan Railway Projects;

(b) what will be its length; what is its starting point and what is its destination; and

(c) this project is at present at what stage of completion and by when is the rest expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Konkan Railway Project covers construction of a 760 Kms. long new B.G. line on Western coast of India linking Roha near Bombay on the northern end to Mangalore on the southern end.

(c) 68 Kms. section between Mangalore-Udipi has already been opened to traffic and 48 Kms. long section between Roha and Veer is ready for opening. The project is targetted for completion in 1994-95, subject to availability of funds.